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The Great Battle in Indiana

W. H. Blodgett, staff correspondent for the Indianapolis News, sent to his paper the following dispatch:

Campaigning with W. J. Bryan, October 20.—This day will end Mr. Bryan's labors in Indiana in behalf of his personal friend and former colleague on the national ticket, John W. Kern. He came into Indiana in Mr. Kern's behalf. The first thing he said at Auburn was for Mr. Kern, and the last thing he will say at Richmond this evening will be for Mr. Kern. Today he made speeches at Jamestown and New Ross and shook hands and uttered a few words for his friend at the stations between Indianapolis and Crawfordsville. At the latter place he spoke at some length, and then left for Richmond, where he will speak tonight, and the information he received before leaving Crawfordsville was that the people of Richmond intend this evening to emphasize their admiration for him by one of the biggest demonstrations the democrats ever held in that city.

Mr. Bryan left Indianapolis at 8:15 o'clock on a traction car on the Ben Hur line. He gave no evidence of the strenuous life he has been leading for the last week in Indiana and laughed and joked with State Chairman Stokes Jackson, who accompanied him to the car. When he entered the car the passengers stood up and clapped their hands, a morning greeting, to which Mr. Bryan bowed.

T. O. Beck, democratic chairman of Boone county, started out with Mr. Bryan and left him at Jamestown. Baz Merrill, democratic chairman of Montgomery county, took the entire trip from Indianapolis to Crawfordsville with Mr. Bryan. At Jamestown the Crawfordsville reception committee, composed of Charles M. McCabe, Dr. I. A. Detchon, Dr. W. T. Gott, C. L. Goodbar and G. H. D. Sutherland, publisher of the Review, got on the car. The train stopped at the outskirts of Crawfordsville at 10:30 o'clock and Mr. Bryan and the reception committee were taken to the Crawford hotel in automobiles. At noon a luncheon was served at the hotel in honor of Mr. Bryan.

The car was in charge of Stephen Ridlin, general passenger and freight agent, and he saw to it that there was no delay and that Mr. Bryan did not suffer any inconvenience.

George Beck, of Richmond, democratic chairman of Wayne county, joined Mr. Bryan at Crawfordsville for the purpose of taking him back to Richmond tonight. With Mr. Beck was Master H. H. Johanning, a rosy cheeked lad in knickerbockers, declared by Mr. Beck to be one of the best politicians in Wayne county and who has assisted the county committee in taking the poll. The boy is a great admirer of Mr. Bryan and was delighted at the opportunity of being with him, and Mr. Bryan seemed well pleased

with the friendship of the young politician from the county of Wayne.

The raw chilly air of the morning did not in any way interfere with the outpouring of the people all along the road from Indianapolis to Crawfordsville. The fact that Mr. Bryan was to pass over the road caused throngs of people at every station, and at every point the school children were out in large numbers. At Pittsboro one youngster climbed on the rear of the car and shouted to Mr. Bryan, and the commoner waved his hat at the boy as the car pulled out.

Another good-sized crowd was at Lizton, where Mr. Bryan stood on the platform and shook hands.

A ten-minute stop was made at Jamestown, and there Thomas O. Beck introduced Mr. Bryan as "not only the greatest statesman but the greatest orator in the world." The platform had been erected at the end of the ticket office, and from it Mr. Bryan spoke, wearing his hat while he did so. He said that in the short time he had he could not be expected to live up to the introduction given him by the chairman. He spoke in favor of the election of a senator by popular vote and asked the people to give more attention to national than to local issues.

The principal part of his Jamestown speech was an eulogy of John W. Kern. "I know him and I trust him," he said, "and when he goes to the United States senate what he does there will be as beneficial to the people of Nebraska and the people of Indiana as it will be beneficial to the people of the United States.

"Senator Beveridge calls himself a progressive, but John W. Kern has been making progress longer and on more subjects than Beveridge has. There are many things for which Kern has stood for a great many years that Beveridge has now taken up."

Mr. Bryan spoke briefly on the tariff and against central banks and declared that a central bank was the worst kind of financial despotism.

In the crowd at Jamestown there were an unusual number of babies carried by their mothers.

At New Ross Mr. Bryan spoke from the rear of the car and was introduced by County Chairman Merrill as "the greatest platform orator in the world." Mr. Bryan did not make a political address at New Ross, but talked to the children who were out in large numbers.

"I am always glad to talk to the boys and girls, the young men and young women," said Mr. Bryan, "and I am particularly glad to speak to them since I have returned from my trip around the world, where I saw the difference in the opportunities for the children in this country and the opportunities for the children in the different countries that I have visited. So many of you are students—I judge this because you seem to be on your way to school—that I do not believe I ought to talk politics. No one can fail to be grateful for the blessing of education, good government and Christianity who has visited the countries which have none of these. I trust as you grow older you will realize that it is your duty, as it ought to be a pleasure, to continue these advantages to the next generation, and ever struggle to live up to the highest ideals of American citizenship."

In his Crawfordsville speech Mr. Bryan answered the speech that Theodore Roosevelt made in that city a few days before. It was along the general lines of his Indianapolis speech last night, except that he elaborated more on it because it was of local significance. In Mr. Bryan's audience was a large number of students from Wabash College, and Mr. Bryan addressed part of his speech to them, elaborating more than elsewhere the distinction between the democratic and aristocratic idea, illustrating its application to government and citing a number of countries in the old world to show the world-

wide growth of the democratic idea. He appealed to the young men to inquire what is right rather than what is popular.

"My father," said Mr. Bryan, "did not leave me a great deal of money, only about \$3,000, and I am not sure that I would have been in the end the gainer had he left me a fortune, because fortune in prospect has ruined more young men than it has ever helped. But he gave me a piece of advice that has been worth more to me than a fortune. He told me that I could afford to be in the minority, but that I could not afford to be wrong on any question. He said that if I was in the minority and right, that I would some day be in the majority, while if I was in the majority and wrong I some day would be in the minority. He believed in the omnipotence of truth, in the final triumph of every righteous cause.

"I can not do better than to transmit to these young men this lesson, which was given to me when I was passing through the same period of life. Find out what is right and then espouse that cause. The right needs you and it will help you. Thrice armed is he who has his quarrel just. You can not desire to be wrong as a matter of principle and it does not pay as a matter of policy. When you investigate the foundations of government you will find the democratic idea of government is the growing one. Be its champion and grow with it. The people's side of every cause will grow. Help it and it will repay you."

The crowd at Crawfordsville was so large that the people could not get into the airdome where the meeting was held. Bryan spoke to an overflow meeting of more than a thousand before the regular meeting began.

Mr. Bryan, in his speech at Richmond, will give considerable attention to Senator Beveridge and Congressman W. O. Barnard and will call attention to the remarkable situation in the Sixth congressional district, where Mr. Beveridge, the progressive republican, is urging the re-election of Mr. Barnard, a standpat congressman, and Mr. Barnard is urging the return of Mr. Beveridge to the United States senate. There are other matters of interest in the Sixth district to which Mr. Bryan will refer in his Richmond speech.

The Edinburg meeting yesterday was one that made Mr. Bryan feel, as he expressed it, "mighty good." There were at least three thousand people there, and that is saying a good deal when it is considered that Edinburg is so close to Indianapolis, where Mr. Bryan spoke last night. He was presented with apples and canes and souvenirs. The apples he divided among his friends, the canes he gave to Congressman Dixon to carry until it was time for the electric train to start, and then the walking sticks were sent on to Lincoln, Neb., by express.

Mr. Bryan made the trip to Indianapolis from Edinburg in a special interurban car on the Columbus, Indianapolis and Southern. A big comfortable chair was put in the vestibule ahead and Mr. Bryan rode the entire distance in that chair.

Tim Conners, the veteran motorman, was in charge. Tim is one of the old-time democrats who has always voted for Bryan and is ready to vote for him again if the occasion presents itself. Mr. Bryan and Tim got on good terms with each other right away, and for a time the ready Irish wit of Tim and the witticisms of Mr. Bryan kept the others in a laughing mood. L. Ert Slack was in the car with Mr. Bryan and pointed out to him the objects of interest along the way.

General Manager Shane interested Mr. Bryan greatly by giving him a brief history of the interurban lines of this state and the Nebraskan was much surprised at the mileage, the number of passengers carried annually and the amount of money the lines earn.

Will Irwin, of Columbus, stepped into the car

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